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Tantalizing Teas and Nature Found at Green Spring Gardens

The summer is heating up, but you can stay cool at these Green Spring Garden programs. On Saturday, July 13 2013 there are three separate opportunities to expand your knowledge and tickle your tastebuds. Indulge in culinary creativity with homemade teas and edible flowers, or discover new information about Virginia's native trees. Grab your friends and family and spend the day learning, tasting, and enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

Iced Tea Tasting Party
From 10:30 a.m. to noon, treat yourself to homemade iced teas at the Historic House. Sample different teas while learning about brewing and preparing variations of the drink. Highten your tea-drinking experience with innovative recipies for every palate. Try a twist on this traditional summer drink and taste iced oolongs, greens and blended teas. English tea is not included. The cost is $22 per person. Register online. For information, call 703-941-7987.

Family Fun: Edible Flowers
Take the kids and tour the gardens before tasting edible flowers from 2 to 3 p.m. Sample a range of candied flowers, including pansies, squash blossom and hybiscus, and learn how to prepare them yourself. Learn their history and how you can use them to enhance foods, savory and sweet. Participants must be at least age five. The cost is $6 per person. Register online. For information, call 703-642-5173.

Native Trees: ID, Care and Culture
From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. stroll through the woodlands with Brenda Skarphol, curatorial horticulturist, to learn about the wonderful trees native to Virginia. Native trees can be suitible for a wide range of gardens and settings, ranging from small understory trees to large canopy trees. A wide range of topics includes identification tips, where they are found in nature, landscape uses, design ideas, wildlife value, their care in residential settings, and where to purchase them. A tree ID book is included with registration. The cost is $35 per person. Register online. For information, call 703-642-5173.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, Va. To register for any of the programs listed above, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes. For more information about Green Spring Gardens, call 703-642-5173 or visit online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp.

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